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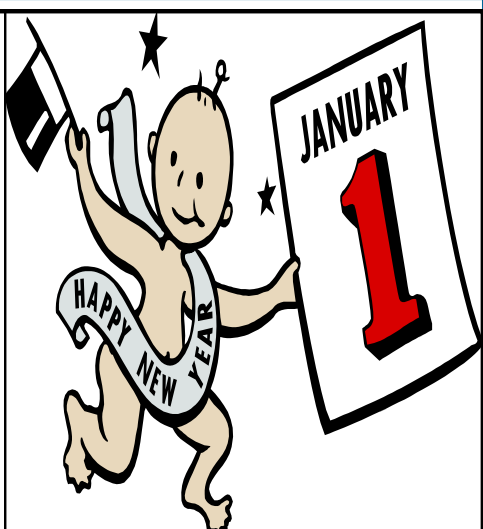
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General Membership Meeting

Tuesday 6, January 2009 @1900
Brevard Veteran Center
400 Sykes Creek Pkwy. Merritt Island FL

Monthly Speaker

Capt. Andy Petruska is a retired USN Captain with a long history as captain of various types of ships. He has even commanded 8 ships as a Merchant Marine Captain. His presentation should be very interesting. Please mark your calendar to attend.



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THE 10TH OF EACH MONTH

We welcome comments, boating stories and any articles of interest you'd like to submit...

E:Mail an Attachment to debra.burleson@yahoo.com

AT THE HELM

Commander J. P. Longway III, P



We are off to a fast and excellent start in recognizing and celebrating the Holiday season, beginning with the December 2nd General Membership Meeting. The meeting began with a social and entertainment provided by Arlan Ropp, accompanied by Susan Perry. Next, preparations were already underway by the good intentions of Lt Joan Montfort and Marc Montfort. They led the team effort to provide, design and decorate a float for entry into the December 6th, Cocoa Beach Christmas Parade as a Public Relations means to promote the Squadron in the community. Kudos to their helpers, Paul & Francesca Ragnusa, Jay & Donna Longway, Maryann & Frank (Dad) Infinsino, Marge & Duane Balkema, Lance VandeBerg, Ken Charles, Marsha & Meredith Kirkwood, Bob & Marilyn Flanigan, Doris Valentine, Anna Demoret (Balkema's granddaughter), April & Chuck Jordan, and Tuny (the Reindeer-Dog). Thanks to those members, families and friends who lined the parade route and loudly acknowledged our appearance. This was a very successful and fun project. Next on the schedule was the Holiday Party held on December 7th at the Rockledge Country Club. For all of you members, family members, and friends that attended, if you haven't already done so, please let Lt's Donna Longway and Doris Valentine know how much you appreciated their effort, and the others that helped assembled the dinner favors, which resulted in you enjoying a very wonderful and fun-filled evening. Personally, this was the best Squadron social gathering I've attended in my five year membership. The room setting, ambiance, service, food, entertainment, and fellowship set a new benchmark for this type of event. The only complaint I heard, was that Bob wouldn't get up and dance with Marilyn.

The next and final Squadron holiday event will most likely have already taken place before you receive this issue of The Soundings. But, without a doubt, the December 13th Coco-Nauts Holiday Luncheon Buffet at the Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn Resort will be another enjoyable and successful gathering. The reason being, is that CBSPS Auxiliary President Doris Valentine and her "lovely bunch" will continue to ensure that all attendees will enjoy themselves and add another inch or two to their waistline. Once again, a "special thank you" to all the Coco-Nauts and the many members who supported and donated foodstuff/ blankets, etc., to replenish the Brevard Sharing Center and the Salvation Army's Women Abuse Division. I believe, God is blessing you all for your generosity.

Remember to plan and attend: upcoming standing meetings; January 24th Samson Island Cruise; February 18th-22nd USPS Annual Meeting; and the March 1st CBSPS "COW".

Note: All 2009 Bridge Officers should plan to attend the D23 Council Meeting and Training Sessions at Daytona Beach on January 24th.

As 2008 soon becomes history, I would like to express my appreciation to those of you who continued throughout the year to support the mission of USPS, as well as search for and invest in new innovative ways to recruit, reward, retain and replenish the ranks of our membership.

Donna and I wish you & yours a safe and happy holiday season, and especially a very recoverable and prosperous 2009. Peace (V)

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Lance H. VandeBerg, P



First, I would like to wish everyone a very happy, healthy, and prosperous new year. I am looking forward to moving up to the Commander position for the squadron this year and am encouraged by all the member volunteers and their efforts that make this a fun and worth while organization. I am very honored to have this opportunity.

A special thanks to all those that participated in the December Cocoa Beach land parade, making it a huge success and giving a lot of recognition to our squadron. Thank you Joan for letting us use your pontoon boat, the Sea Joan, in the parade and to Mark Montfort for his extra effort in organizing the decorations and driving. Thanks to Doris for organizing the holiday dinner party at the Rockledge Country Club. It was a very enjoyable evening.

This is the time to reflect on all those activities and events that we accomplished in 2008 and plan ahead for the coming year. I hope that you will share your ideas with all the officers and members of the squadron and continue to promote safe boating and comradery as we all enjoy the Brevard county waterways.

SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

P/D/C Fred P. Adame, SN



There's lots of news to report this month, in courses completed and in courses about to start. The Seamanship Course, taught by Lt's Bob and Adrienne Goldstein, AP, had its final exam on 10 November and we now have seven new Seamen, They are Ken Charles, Lt's Mark and Mona Chatelaine, Wini Crawford, Dave and Nancy Keane and Lt/C Marsha Kirkwood.

Lt Dee Neve, S, has been teaching our Instructor Development course and we now have six certified instructors who have each gained experienced in public speaking. These are Lt Gerard Meunier, JN, Lt Joan Montfort, S, Dennis Peterson, JN, 1/Lt Paul Ragusa, P, Lt Francesca Ragusa, P, and Lt/C Lance VandeBerg, P. Congratulations!

P/C John Mulkey, P, has examined three more students from the last Boating Course bringing the total to 11 examined. Incidentally, John and our ASE0 1/Lt Paul Ragusa, P, are considering new locations for the 2009 spring and fall classes. Suggestions are welcome.

The next courses planned are Piloting and Marine Electronics. We plan to start these in January. Piloting will be held on Mondays at Wuesthoff Hospital and Marine Electronics will take place on Wednesdays at the Cocoa Library. Piloting will cost \$37.20 for the books (refundable to graduates) plus a \$10 course fee per students. A plotter and dividers are also required. The Piloting instructor will be Lt Jack Wurst, AP. The Marine Electronics book costs \$27.50 with the same \$10 course fee. The instructor will be Lt Howard Bernbaum, SN.

Piloting concentrates on the fundamentals of navigation by dead reckoning and GPS. There's some simple math involved but nothing that anyone can't Master. It's an interesting course that will make you more knowledgeable about the sea even if you don't intend to sail to the Bahamas. And, of course, you get more basic knowledge to pass on to the public as part of our educational mission. (There are no pre-requisites for taking Piloting.)

Marine Electronics covers the theory and use of the major electronic systems aboard a vessel. In addition, the ship's electrical system is also included which is very valuable to the do-it-yourselfer. You may not have all of the electronic gadgets aboard your boat yet, but the course will give you the information to make an intelligent purchase in the future.

If you haven't signed up for either course yet, be sure to call me or 1/Lt Paul Ragusa, P, to be assured of a book on the first day.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

P/C Kermit Forbes, P



As we approach the end of the year we should all be thankful for all the blessings we have received throughout the year. I want to thank all the people that contributed to the success of the Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron for 2008.

Again, I want to Appeal to each of you, the squadron needs volunteers to help and/or chair various committees. The 2009 Administrative Officer needs help with the following:

- Programs committee
- Boating activities committee
- Refreshments committee

Please volunteer and help the 2009 bridge have a successful year. If you can't chair please be a helper.

Susan and I want to wish each member a very joyful and merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

SECRETARY

Lt/C Marilyn Flanigan, P



I wish all of you a Very Happy New Year filled with Good Health and Dreams Come True.

Here are some changes for you to bring your Roster up to date:

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Coco-Nauts Corner
Lt Doris Valentine, President

Can you believe, another year has passed and we are fast approaching 2009!

Our December meeting was held at the Holiday Inn at Cocoa Beach and was thoroughly a success. Food was excellent.... We had 31 attendees and enjoyed the short stories of Howard Bernbaum. Most of us did not realize we had such a talented writer in our midst. Thank you, Howard for your wonderful program.

Please mark your calendars for the Coconauts meeting on Wednesday, January 14th at the Merritt Island Library at 12 Noon. It will be considered a “brown bag” lunch and we have a very interesting speaker. . Karen Sharp and she will be bringing us the latest information on “How to stay safe, Identity theft, etc.” This is a subject we all need to learn more about.

Also, we have had a lovely card from Angie Villardebo thanking all the Coconauts for their prayers and uplifting messages during her recent illness. She is doing better now and is on the recovery road and wanted everyone to know how much she appreciated their thoughtfulness.

At the last Power Squadron meeting in December, the Coconauts presented to Commander Jay Longway our gift in the amount of \$350

Towards the expense of printing new rosters.

That’s all for now.....see you next year !!!

Board of Directors : BRIDGE OFFICERS
Wednesday, December 10, 2008

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2. Debra Burleson

3. Bob Flanigan

4. Joe Auchter

Elected Committees

1. Rules Committee :

Chairman : Mary Jane Schnoor

Asst Chairman / 2 yrs : Len Senibaldi

Member / 3 yrs : Dave Collins

2. Nominating Committee :

Chairman : Joe Auchter

Asst Chairman / 2 yrs : Charlie Vilardebo

Member / 3yrs : Fred Adame

. Auditing Committee :

Chairman : Duane McConkey

Asst Chairman / 2 yrs: Marsha Kirkwood

Member / 3 yrs : Sue Kneeland

**Welcome Aboard to our D23 Spring 2009 Conference
“Let’s Get Acquainted Party” at the Holiday Inn,
Deland, FL on Friday, March 27.**

Harris Chain and Seminole Sail and Power Squadrons invite you to a celebra-
tion of the Old River-boating Days.

Dig out your hoop skirts, parasols,
Stetsons, waistcoats, vests, and sleeve garters
as we travel back into the
1800s, but leave your Derringers and
six-shooters at home!

Please, before you come, spend a few minutes thinking about the following 3 statements, and be prepared to give a 3-5 minute explanation for each:

- 1-Describe the scariest thing that has happened to you during any boating event.
- 2-Describe the dumbest thing you ever did during any boating event.
- 3-Describe the single boating event in which you had the most fun.

We will be having a buffet dinner Friday night. Everyone will be encouraged to sit at tables with members from squadrons other than your own.

A mixer will follow dinner. Everyone will receive a search form to find individuals in the room who meet the criteria listed in the squares on the form. When you have found someone that meets the criteria in one of the squares, have the person sign your form in that square, and then ask them one of the above 3 questions. After you get the answer, they should ask you one of the questions. As we continue to find people that meet the search form criteria, we will get to know many of the members of other squadrons in our District in a more personal way, and hopefully have some fun in the process. Prizes will be given to those who have signatures in the most squares.

We will ask for nominations of individuals that the group thinks told the best story in each of the 3 categories. After they share their story with the whole group, they too will be awarded prizes.

**Join us for lots of fun, at our Old River-boating Days
“Let’s Get Acquainted Party” Friday night during the
D23 Spring Conference.**

USPS District 23 Spring 2009 Conference
March 27, 2009 thru March 29, 2009, Holiday Inn, Deland, FL
OLD RIVER-BOATING DAYS

Holiday Inn Room Reservation Form

Reservations must be received no later than February 24, 2009 to guarantee room. Late reservations on a space available basis only.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Rank: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____ Squadron: _____

Date of Arrival: _____ Date of Departure: _____ # of persons: _____

Rooms are \$68.00 each if you reserve by February 24, 2009 with Harris Chain, and you can take advantage of the tax savings. You can also call Holiday Inn Deland @368-738-5200. Room will be \$68.00 plus 12.5% tax.

Location: **Holiday Inn**
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Number of Rooms Needed _____ Choose: _____ 2 Double Beds _____ One King Bed
 Total @ \$68.00 per room per night \$ _____ Smoking _____ Non Smoking _____

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Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Rank: _____ Grade: _____

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Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____ Squadron: _____

Friday, March 27, 2009

1900-2300 "Let's Get Acquainted" Dinner Buffet---Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Pasta Salad, etc. #__ @ \$32.00 = _____

Saturday, March 28, 2009

Noon Box Lunch—Turkey, Ham or Roast Beef #__ @ \$14.00= _____

Evening / District Change of Watch - Choose: _____ Blackened Ribeye Steak, _____ Grilled Ribeye Steak,

_____ Stuffed Pork Chop, _____ Chicken and Shrimp. #__ @ \$35.00= _____

Sunday, March 29, 2009

Sunday N Club Breakfast Buffet #__ @ \$15.00= _____

Total meals \$ _____

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**REPORT OF THE USPS DISTRICT 23 NOMINATING COMMITTEE
THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS HAVE AGREED TO SERVE
IN THE POSITIONS INDICATED IN THE YEAR 2009**

District Commander	Robert E. Becker, Jr. SN	Banana River
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Asst. Educational Officer	Michael C. Scallan SN	Seminole
Audit Committee (3 yrs.)	Robert C. Flint AP	Seminole
Nominating Committee (3 yrs.)	Mary Jane Schnoor SN	Cocoa Beach
	George M. Ammon SN	Banana River
Rules Committee (3 yrs.)	Enrique Estevez AP	Seminole
Planning Committee (3 yrs.)	Cheryl W. Martines AP	Daytona Beach
	Leroy W. Myers AP	Harris Chain

Nominees for DEO and ADEO have been approved by the National Educational Officer

Respectfully submitted:

Abe Cahill SN Chairman
George R. Fontes AP
Ann Fields SN
Lester R. Tribout AP
Donald C. Clark JN
David G. Johnson JN

Cardboard Boat Race Rules

D23 will hold its first annual cardboard boat race hosted by the Titusville Sail & Power Squadron during the D23 Spring picnic in May 2009. Squadrons that intend to participate in the race must notify the Titusville Sail & Power Squadron at least two weeks prior to the event. Contacts are either Ray Lennon (321) 269-5718 or John Carlson (321) 269-1083. A trophy will be awarded to the winning Squadron, which will be surrendered to the winner of the following year's race.

Materials Allowed

- Cardboard/Paper
- Duct Tape
- NON marine adhesive products such as Liquid Nails for gluing the boat together
- Paint for waterproofing the cardboard
- Oars or Paddles are exempt from the card restriction
- Small blocks of wood (no greater than 2" on any side) may be used to mount oars or a rudder
- No fuel or electric means may be used for propulsion

NOTE: Any material not listed must have the approval in writing of the Organizing Committee prior to the building of the boat. Contact Ray Lennon (321) 269-5718 or John Carlson (321) 269-1083 for approval.

RULES:

ALL boats will be inspected for conformity to the Materials Allowed before the race. Any boat found to be in violation of the rules will be disqualified and not be allowed to race.

ALL boats must have at least one occupant and all occupants must be a member of the Squadron entering the boat.

FOR SAFETY, ALL boat occupants must wear life preservers & protective footwear during the race.

The total course length will be 100 yards. The boats will be required to travel from the starting line, 50 yards down to round a marker, and return the 50 yards back to the starting line.

The race course will parallel the seawall East of the picnic area. The water depth will be greater than 3 feet.

Rescue boats will be provided by the Titusville Sail & Power Squadron.

Officials for the race will be selected from the D23 Squadrons that do not have entries in the race.

Boats cannot be pulled or pushed through the water by poling or swimming. Any contact with the river bottom by the boat and/or occupants will result in disqualification.

The race will be run in heats of four or less boats. The fastest boat in each heat will be timed and the fastest time will be the winner.

Boat inspections and crew meeting will begin at 1030 with the race starting at 1100.

Entrants to the race must sign in by 1030.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

check website (cbsps.com) or e-mail for updates

JANUARY:

- 06 - Tuesday, 1900, CBSPS General Membership Meeting – Brevard Veterans Ctr.
- 14 - Wednesday, 1200 Coco-Nauts Brown Bag Luncheon, Merritt Island Library
- 24 - Saturday, Squadron Rendezvous at Samson Island
- 24 - Saturday, 0800 D23 Council Meeting & Training, Daytona Beach’s Art Center
- 27 - Tuesday, 1830, CBSPS Executive Board Meeting - Merritt Island Library

FEBRUARY:

- 03 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Membership Meeting - Brevard Veterans Center
- 11 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Luncheon (location TBD)
- 18 - 23 USPS Annual Meeting - Anaheim, CA (Wed. - Sun.)
- 24 - Tuesday, 1830 CBSPS Executive Board Meeting - Merritt Island Library

MARCH

- 01 - Sunday, 1600 CBSPS COW Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn Resort
- 03 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS Membership Meeting - Brevard Veteran’s Center
- 11 - Wednesday, 1100 Coco-Nauts Meeting/ Luncheon (location TBD)

Note:

CBS&PS members are invited to meet and eat each Wednesday at 1130 at the Cozy Corner Café at 2425 N. Courtenay Pkwy. Breakfast and light lunches are available.

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John & Merri Mulkey (06/09)

Larry & Debra Burleson (9/09)

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Joan Montfort (11/09)

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Boating Committee Report

By P/C Duane L. Balkema, AP

Margie and I enjoyed the Port Canaveral Christmas Boat Parade on our decorated Chaparral 23.8 on a super evening, December 6th with Randy and Pam Johnson. As soon as the Disney Ship left at dark, the parade fell in line behind it following to the mouth of the port, all with Christmas lights a-blazing. Then we turned back proceeding along Jetty Park and the restaurants, finally docking at the Cocoa Beach Yacht Club. It was a very pretty calm night and there were at least 20 big boats decorated beautifully. Mark and Michelle Anderson on their decorated Blue Dolphin participated with Squadron members on board and they later won one of the many prizes. Thru the locks at 9 pm and a nice run south on Banana River to home completed the evening. Hope you all had time to participate or watch one of the many holiday events, particularly boating events.

Keep “Samson Island Cruise” for Saturday, January 24, 2009 on your schedule. Grand Canal is scenic in itself and then walking this island is great fun. Participants can call myself 452-5892 or Al Pappas 777-2460 to organize. Al lives on the waterway right around the corner from Samson Island. Participants will agree on timing and the route, but we should expect to arrive around 11:00 to assure getting dock space. This event completes the season, thanks to everyone.



BLOOD DONATION

The next blood donation will be on 7 January 0900a at the Blood Center on US Hwy. #1. All donations are appreciated!!!!

Who am I?

Who am I? I was born in Mattoon, Illinois in 1952. At the ripe old age of 3 my family moved to Florida, and I am as close to a cracker as you can get, without actually having been born here. I went to elementary school in Hialeah, FL and was in the first graduating class from Miami Killian Sr. High in 1970. I went to the University of Miami and then eventually to NOVA University in Fort Lauderdale.

I'm a computer design engineer by education. I got my ham radio license in 1967 and I'm still an active ham today. For the past 20 years I've worked on the Space Shuttle program at Kennedy Space Center. I have 2 grown boys ages 25 and 29. Today my wife and I both work at KSC.



**Last month's answer:
Dick Schnoor**



Happy New Year!



Cmdr. Jay Longway



L-R- Donna Longway, Meredith Kirkwood, Francesca Ragusa, & Maryann Infinsino



Mark Montfort & Mom "Sea Joan!"



CBSPS participating in the Cocoa Beach land parade 6, December 2008

The Flanigans



Anna Demoret & Tuny



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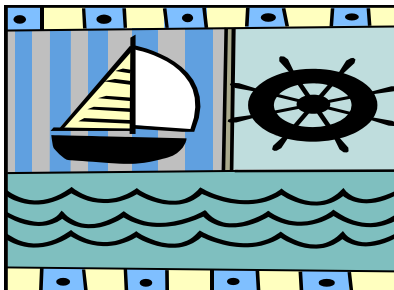
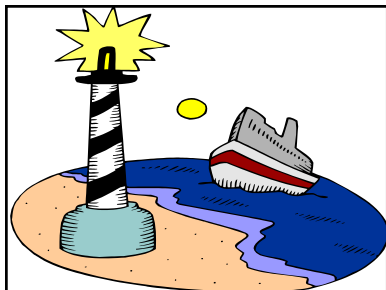
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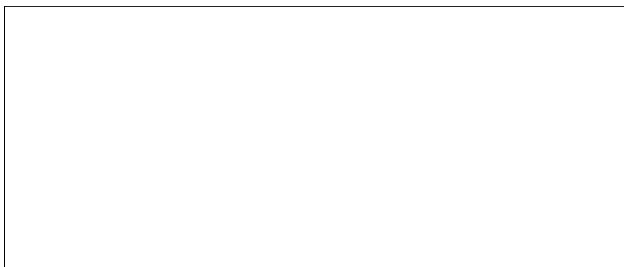

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